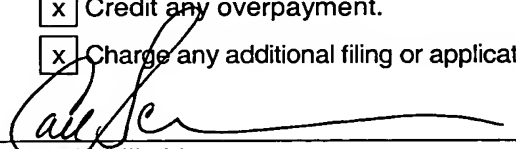




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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. NOG-0019	
Application No. 10/699,822		Filing Date November 4, 2003		Examiner N. Wells	
				Art Unit 2881	
Applicant(s): Masaru FURUTA et al.					
Invention: METHOD FOR PREPARING A SAMPLE FOR USE IN LASER DESORPTION IONIZATION MASS SPECTROMETRY AND SAMPLE PLATE USED IN SUCH A METHOD					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	18	- 20 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =		x	0.00
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Other fee (please specify):					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>18-0013</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-18 other are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims  
13-18 are added.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)